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MTN DEL CONTACTED MR. LINDEN OF GATT SECRETARIAT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON KENNEDY ROUND PROCEDURES FOR THE CIRCULATION OF EXCEPTIONS AND REQUEST/OFFERS. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF HIS RESPONSE FOLLOW:

1. EXCEPTIONS -- EXCEPTIONS LISTS ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS WERE EXCHANGED, VIA THE GATT SECRETARIAT, AMONG ONLY THE LINEAR COUNTRIES. THESE EXCEPTIONS LISTS WERE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL. ONLY THE LINEAR COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THE INITIAL AND MORE DETAILED CONFRONTATION
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AND JUSTIFICATION (C AND J) EXERCISE. (ALTHOUGH CANADA AND AUSTRALIA MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT.) LATER, IN A SECOND EXERCISE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES RECEIVED "EXTRACTS" OF EXCEPTIONS, THESE MADE UP BY EACH LINEAR COUNTRY INVOLVED. THESE EXTRACTS, PREPARED IN RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATIONS IN WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES INDICATED A PRODUCT INTEREST, WERE USED IN A SECOND, SMALLER,

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C AND J BETWEEN THE DC'S AND THE LDC'S.

2. REQUEST LISTS -- MR. LINDEN'S INFORMATION ON THE CONDUCT OF THE AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS IN THE KR IS LESS PRECISE. HOWEVER, CERTAIN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., -- BUT NOT ALL KR PARTICIPANTS -- PREPARED REQUEST LISTS WHICH WERE BOTH SENT DIRECTLY TO OTHER COUNTRIES (WITH AN INFO COPY FOR THE SECRETARIAT) AND THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT. REQUEST LISTS WERE SIMILARLY TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL. NOTE: REQUEST LISTS WERE ALSO PREPARED FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT COUNTRIES

3. OFFER LISTS -- OFFER LISTS, ALSO CONFIDENTIAL, WERE CIRCULATED AGAIN EITHER DIRECTLY, OR THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT, TO OTHER OFFER-MAKING COUNTRIES.

4. WHO HAD ACCESS TO INFORMATION -- ALL KR PARTICIPANTS WERE EITHER CONTRACTING PARTIES OR IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING CPS. INITIALLY, PARTICIPANTS WERE LOOSELY DEFINED AS ANY COUNTRY INDICATING A DESIRE TO BE A PARTICIPANT. LATER, IN ABOUT MID-1966, THOSE COUNTRIES EVIDENCING NO DESIRE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION WERE DROPPED FROM THE KR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE AND QUIETLY SHUT OFF FROM THE INFORMATON FLOW. THUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN, FOR EXAMPLE, THE UK SENT ITS AGRICULTURAL OFFERS TO THE SECRETARIAT, THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO CIRCULATE THE UK OFFER LIST TO ONLY THE OFFER-MAKING COUNTRIES.

5. CONSOLIDATED LISTS -- THE GATT SECRETARIAT PREPARED, IN DECEMBER 1966 OR JANUARY 1966, IN ORDER TO ASSIST LDCS PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF EXCEPTIONS TAKEN ON ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO THOSE LDCS.

6. OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION -- THE TARIFF COMMISSION 19TH REPORT (1967) ON THE OPERATION OF THE TRADE AGREEMENTS PROGRAM CONTAINS GENERAL INFORMATION OF ABOUT THE DETAIL PRESENTED HERE, ON THE CONDUCT OF THE KR. GATT MTN/W/8, RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE DILON AND KENNEDY ROUNDS, PREPARED IN FEBRUARY 1976, IS MORE DETAILED. MCNAMARA

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